THE ADMINISTRATION.

THE BESOM OF REFORM IN THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Important Matters For Congress to Consider at Its Next Session-Alleged Evils That Are Being Corrected. Washington - National News.

WASHINGTON, July 29. -- In some important and in many minor ways the treasury bookkeeping, which is still largely on the old war footing of more than twenty years ago, is susceptible of improvement. While some organs are crying out that Mr. Cleveland, whom they did not help to elect, is not distributing the offices to their liking, the president and Secretary Manning regard as of greater importance that thorough "examination of the books" about which there was a good deal of talk last year.

The president insists on weeding out of the public service all incapable or dishonest officials and all who have misused their official place and influence for partisan ends, and he is putting into the places of such per-sons capable and honest democrats as quickly as he can satisfy himself of the character and capacity of those recommended to him. But he does not think reform stops with that. He requires a general tightening up of the administrative business.

An order has been issued to disbursing of-floers to turn all the funds in their hands into the nearest sub-treasuries, and these are to report to the treasury department by tele-graph that these sums have been actually deposited. In this way Mr. Manning can make himself reasonably sure that there are no hidden defalcations or cooking of ac-counts; and he will thereafter open new accounts and advance money as it is required for payment. He is of the opinion that much the greater part of the payments of disbursing officers can be more safely and economically made by checks from the treasury department; and it is probable that he will endeavor to establish a system of this kind. It is possible that he may need the help of congress to accom-plish this. An examination of the manner in which the sinking fund has been managed shows that in some years at least the charges have been made, not only on what the government owed, but also on some parts of its assets, so that the amount to be set apart according so law has been calculated on a basis considerably too large. Thus, aside from the old centention that the sinking fund has been largely overpaid-about which Mr. Manning has not expressed any opinion as yet—it appears that the one per cent. set aside has been up-on the gross debt, without deducting the free cash in the treasury, which has at times amounted to what would have made a large

Such "tightening up" of the work of the administration which is going on in all the departments is tedious and difficult work for the Der grats, who have so long been unused to administrative work. But it was Impossible for the Republicans, under whose management the numerous abuses to be remedied had grown up, and who, if they attempted reforms, had to strike down their own friends on every hand. So long ago as in December, 1875, when the Democrats for the first time since 1861 had control of the house of representatives and determined on rigid economy and extirpation of abuses, the late Gen. Garfield said to a correspondent:

"I am glad the democrats have come in. There are great abuses which ought to be remedied. One party has had full away for many years and has been extravagant and wasteful of the public money. We can not cure these svils, because too many of our own people are concerned in them. should be hitting our friends all the time, and we can not, therefore, make these reforms and economies, which yet ought to be made. Hence I am glad the democrate have once more control of the house and the appropriations. They can cut and slash with out hurting their own side; and a good deal of cutting is needed."

In connection with this general "tightening up" of administrative matters, it is posmible the president may suggest to congress the expediency of adopting a better, because more easily understood, system of balancing the authorized expenditures and appropriations, with the object of avoiding such tax levies upon the people as for some years were made, and which drew from them immense sums of surplus revenue. Over a hundred millions per annum, during several years of taxes, were forced from the peo-ple's pockets more than what was needed for the most liberal scale of expenditures.

The plan which is under consideration as proper to be suggested to congress in the inerest of economical government is that for each of the great, permanent and necessary branches of expenditure congress should set apart the revenues from certain named sources. For example, taking the estimates for the current fiscal year as they were premented to congress by Secretary McCulloch last year, and it is found that the revenue from home distilled spirits and from imported wine and spirits suffices to pay and safely cover the interest on the public debt and the regular pensions. The legislative, executive and judicial expenditures, those for foreign intercourse and a large list of miscellaneous but permanent expenses are in like manner covered by the tax on home and imported tobacco and cigars, and the duty on silks and high grades of imported cotton goods. The cost of the army and of fortifications on a very liberal scale for the latter is a good deal more than covered by the revenue from cigars. The cost of the navy, including new ships, is covered by the revenue from home and im-ported fermented liquors and on imported laces. The cost of the interior department, including Indians but excluding pensions be fore provided for, of any deficiency in the postoffice, and of the District of Columbia, repayments of customs and internal revenue charges and some other matters are covered by receipts from public lands, customs fees and other fees and a number of miscellaneous sources, all fairly constant and to be found on the treasury books.

In this way certain specific taxes are found to cover certain specific and constant expenditures, and to cover them safely, as is shown by a long experience. There remain other expenditures—the sinking fund, which has been greatly overpaid, the arrears of pen-sions, internal improvements, public build-ings and subsidies of various kinds. For these, with the exception of the first, congress makes appropriations at each session according to its humor. Sometimes it is extravagant, sometimes penurious. But after the account above given is closed it has still a large mass of customs duties to work on, and it would certainly be a very great advantage if it should deal first and separ-ately with the great, permanent and neces-sary branches of expenditure, set apart for h a corresponding and sufficient branch of income or revenue, and having done this and got it out of the way then arrange the and got it out of the way then arrange the remaining texes according to the exact amount it checks to appropriate under those heads, for white, the appropriations vary greatly from year to year. It ought of course to do this on the same system, setting

spart a specific tax for each specific expendi-

Two very important objects would be gained by such a reform as this. In the first place, there would be no needless taxes laid on the people. There would be no surplus revenue, except such as might come from anexpectedly large receipts. For each branch of expenditure a special tax would be set apart sufficient to cover it and no

In the se cond place, if congress would arrange its accounts in this way every voter coull understand them. There would be an easy and positive check on wasteful and extravagant legislation. The people would precisely for what purpose every separate tax was laid upon them, and would be able to decide for themselves whether they wish to be taxed for that purpose and how much they are willing to give for it. Under such a system jobbing would become impostible unless the people wanted jobs.

It is such a reform as this in what may be called the congressional bookkeeping that sugages the attention of the administration and of some leading Democratic congress men. It is believed that if such a reform were applied economy in expenditures would be easily and permanently assured and that a judicious reform of the protective features of the tariff, such as protectionists them-selves desire, would be much more easily and satisfactorily made with the system. The large remainder of usual expenditures, after the permanent items are duly covered leaves abundant room for taxation having for its object combined revenue and protec-

Seneral Grant. Mr. McGrascon, N. Y., July 23.—After an early nap Gen. Grant fell asleep again and did not awake for five hours. After that and during the morning he dozed quietly and was dressed about 8 o'clock. The doctor found his pulse normal and of fair volume. He felt rested and seemed cheer-On the whole he was in nearly as good condition as the day before, which was an uncommonly good day. He said he felt much better than he expected to.

Postmasters. WASHINGTON, July 23. - The president has appointed the following postmasters: [Lealie M. Brooks, Mobile, Ala.; Jeptha M. Wilkes, Memphis, Tenn.; Michael W. Ryan, Med-ford, Wis.; Wm. Kadgh, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Wm. P. Hale, Peru, Ind.

An Ohio Appointment. Washington, July 23.-J. B. McNamee of Ohio, has been appointed law clerk at \$2,000, in the office of the assistant attorney general of the interior department,

"THE MIKADO."

Much Ado About Nothing for Advertising

Purposes. NEW YORK, July 22.-Notwithstanding the fact Judge Wheeler, in the United State circuit court, restrained Sydney Rosenfeld from producing Gilbert & Bullivan's opera, "The Mikado," at the Union Square theater,
"Mikado," was performed. A fairly large
and sweltering audience of professional people, newspaper men and regular first-night-

Gossips in front of the theatre discussed the situation with much emphasis and a great variety of opinions. In what respects Mr. Rosenfeld's "Mikado" differed from Mr. Duff's, or the version to be performed at the Star theatre it is impossible to say. Probably Messrs. Gilbert & Sullivan's "Mikado, if it should ever be heard here, will differ in some essent ial particulars from all of them The representation owed much of its mirth-fulness to the extrinsic humor of Mr. Roland Read and Alice Harrison, neither of whom are vocalists in the best sense of the word, but both of whom are prolific in stage devices, and one of whom at least is an excel-

lent come lian when he chooses to be.

The "Mikado," judging it from this version, is little better than a musical farca. The opera was also produced at the Grand opera-house, Brooklyn, by Robert Grau's cympany. The performance was most unsatisfactory, the actors showing unfamiliarity with the music, the lines and even the costumes, the last of which did not arrive from Chicago till after 8 o'clock, causing an annoying delay in commencing the perform-

Anthony Brown, of Boston, had notified the managers that he would serve them with an injunction in the name of D. Oyly Carte if any attempt was made to produce the But an agreement has been signed by which Carte is to receive 10 per cent, of the gross receipts.

Cutting Affray. PIEDMONT, Mo., July 22, -The little com-munity of Cedar Bay, some five miles south of this place, were horrifled by a duel between two of its citizens. Early in the day a law-suit was in progress between Daniel Bimmons and other parties. After the suit was over and the lawyers had left, a discus sion arose about the suit between Simmons and Sam Culton. High words ensued be-tween the parties, which led to blows, when each drew a knife and sailed in. After the fight the surgeon found eleven cuts upon Simmons and nine upon Culton. They may possibly survive, but it is very doubtful Simmons is not a quarrelsome man, but is a hard man to handle in a row. Culton is a hard character, and has served a term in the penitentiary for a similar affray.

The Cleveland Strike.

CLEVELAND, July 23.—There are no nev developments in regard to the strike of the rolling mill hands. The question has narrowed down to a question of nerve. If the strikers are able to hold out longer than the company they will win; if they cannot their ase is hopeless, as it has been demonstrated that rioting will avail them nothing. meeting of the strikers is to be held soon to effect an organization of those now on the strike. The men seem determined and say they will starve before returning to work at former wages. Everything is quiet, but ow strikers having made their appearance.

Six Persons Drowned. Douglas, Kan., July 22.—Six persons were drowned in Walnut river, seven miles below Emporia. Auson Carman and wife and Mrs. Jay Carman, their son's wife, drove into the stream, which had risen during the night from recent rains, and were awept down and out of sight of the second wagon, which came down to the ford a fees later. In the second were Mr. and Mrs. Koats and Mr. Jay Carman. drove into the stream and were swept down also. Anson Carman was the only one res-cued alive. Up to 11 o'clock three bodies had been recovered.

Polygamy.
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 22.—The two
Mormon elders who were arrested in Carter county, Tenn., under the new statute for-bidding polygamy being preached in the state, were tried. Elder Morgan, president state, were tried. Elder Morgan, president of the southern branch of the church, conducted the defense. The judge charged that unless they actually advised their hearers to adopt polygamy they were not culpable. One of the elders was discharged and the other held under bonds. It is the first case in this state, and will be carried to the surgery account. UNGUARDED COASTS.

SOME DOUBTS WHETHER BRITANNIA RULES THE WAVES.

Worthless Old Iron Pots and Obsolete Old Arks-The Irish and the Tories-Dublin is Satisfied With the Attitude of the Government-Foreign.

LONDON, July 22 .- "Britannia Rules the Waves" is not much sung. The fact is she does not. The waves, rather, rule Britannia. Under this view all the mayors of the United Kingdom who had been enjoying the hospitality of the freshly baronetted lord mayor joined with him in a conference.

This was "to promote the objects of the Naval Volunteer Home Defence association," an idea well calculated to make Drake, Benbow and Nelson turn in their graves. The aim is to stimulate the local efforts of seaports to defend themselves and raise funds from the country in aid of that object. The conference resulted in a resolution to form local committees from Land's End to the Hebrides and Dover to the Orkneys to forward the local defence of the sea coast.

It is a humiliating fact for Great Britain that she is the least fortified country in Europe. Thames mud alone protects London against a hostile fleet and Mersey shallows Liverpool. Thirty seaport towns are readily open to Russian iron-clads imitating the unannounced, sudden, plucky and daring

attack by Nelson on Copenhagen.
Only the day before this conference deputations waited on the First lord of the admiralty from the seaports, urging that the English navy should be -well, un-Roached. England's splendid fleet exists on paper, as did Napoleon III.'s splendid army in 1870. Half of her vessels are worthless old iron pots. Four-fifths of her crystal walls are ungarrisoned. Her senior service is starved. Her obsolete old arks are only fit for exhibi-

tion in a naval museum.

Indeed, in order to view the condition of the British admiralty, Secretary Whitney might take an August trip of relaxation. He might also answer the new admiralty lord's puzzling conundrum-how his predecessor, according to a recent parliament dis covery, spent 33 per cent, over the money al-lotted to him for disbursement, and yet all the while kept no record of so extraordinary a fact; for has not Secretary Whitney access to the records of ex-Secretary Chandler.

Ireland Rejoiced. DUBLIN, July 122 .- All parties here are delighted with the result of the debate in the house of lords on Lord Ashbourne's bill to provide facilities to Irish occupying tenants for buying their land, and in the commons on the inquiry into Earl Spencer's criminal administration. The debate showed that at least there is an attempt to govern Ireland in accordance to the wishes of its people, thus emancipating the government from the traditions of the hated castle and stopping

the old repressive, harrying systems.

Lord Carnarvon rides out daily attended by a groom armed with a whip, and Lady Carnaryon shops over Dublin guarded by an Irish maid. An attempt is evidently making to maintain the elementary principles of good government-via, to know the wants and wishes of the people and under-stand the mischiefs which they suffer under and the remedy, not with Cromwellian touches of fire and sword or the silence of the scaffold, but with firmness tempered by justice. All this turning over a new leaf is said by the Gladstoneites here to be a mere electionearing trick. Our people are ready to accept any motive that rids it of the hateful coercion and destroys serfdom and Foucheism.

Irish-Americans will be glad to know thatthe new land bill provides that the state will advance the whole purchase money to occupying tenants if desired, or will lend threefourths of the purchase money at four per cent. for forty-nine years, utilizing the Irish church surplus to save the state from an ultimate possibility of loss. The bill limits the amount advanced to £5,000,000, and all may be advanced in a single year. This, also, is called an electionsering trick by liberal Englishmen.

Kassala Attacked.

LONDON, July 22.—A dispatch from Cairo states that a large body of rebels made a vigorous attack on Kassala and attempted to e it by storm. They attacked the place in three points, but the garrison succeeded in repulsing them at every point. The garri-son then sallied forth and pressed the retreating enemy so closely that they fled, leav-ing behind two thousand oxen and sheep and seven hundred rifles, and a quantity of ammunition. The rebels lost fully three thousand in killed and wounded. The casulties to the garrison was small.

LONDON, July 22 .- Advices from the west African coast state the army of the king of Dahomey recently made an unexpected descent on several coast villages peopled by French settlers. They ruthlessly the men, women and children. A thousand settlers were taken prisoners and put to death, and then roasted and eaten.

Death Roll. MADRID, July 22.-Reports from the cholera infected districts throughout Spain show

the disease to be spreading. For the past twenty-four hours 952 deaths and 3,417 new cases are reported. In Madrid nineteen new cases and thirteen deaths occurred. The scourge has inwaded the cities and provinces of Burges, Almeria and Guadalajara. stabbed His Brother. BUFFALO, July 22 .- Wm. Wirtbitcki is a

boss in the Lehigh Valley coal yards. His brother Gottleib works at the same place. Gottleib is jealous of William's standing with his employers and has frequently pro voked quarrels with him on that account. Gottleib began to abuse William, who told him to go away. At this Gottleib knocked William down. The latter was in the act of ejecting Gottleib from the premises when he drew a knife and stabbed William in the left side, inflicting a dangerous wound. Gott-leib was arrested.

Betrayer Killed. BLOOMFIELD, Ia., July 22.—In Bedford, Thurston Giles, a young married man, was killed by Ivey Kimball, a girl of fifteen years, daughter of the president of a bank. Miss Kimball told this story: "When only fourteen years of age Giles betrayed her. After that he frequently compelled her to accede to his demands ever since his mar-riage. She told him her condition, and saked him what she should do. He laughed at her, and said no one would believe her story.

Many Indictments. TOLEDO, O., July 22.—The grand jury investigating the Polish riots which occurred June 28 have returned the following indicaments: For murder in the first degree, ten, second degree, seven; manslaughter, five shooting with intent to kill, seven; assault with intent to kill, thirty eight; malicious destruction of property, twenty. ThirtyA BIJOU BLAZE.

Harry Dixey Prevents a Panie by His

Cool Head and Acting. New York, July 23.—During the second act of "Adonis" at the Bijou theatre, the stage accidentally caught fire and a panio was prevented by Harry Dixey's presence of mind. "I'm blind, I'm be-lind," pathetically exclaimed that paragon of "old men," "Cunion Turke" (Mr. George Howard), and as he groped about the stage there was even more realism in his simulation than he intended.

Stumbling against the footlights he kicked over one of them and warmed his toes so severely and suddenly that his very real exclamation of pain absolutely threw the audience into a paroxysm of laughter. Most of the audience supposed Dixey's entrance during the next scene "was all in the play," though he brought the absurd dialogue be-tween the fat "Rosetta" and the black-hearted "Marquis of Baccaratt" to a sudden stop.

He was accompanied by two firemen carrying an extinguisher and, an ax. Quietly mentioning to the audience Dixey said, still talking in his inimitable Irvingose: "Keep your seats, ladies and gentlemen, there's nothing wrong." Most of those present supposed it was all part of the play until the fireman turned on his extinguisher and a cloud of smoke arose. Then one lady in the balcony fainted and several others screamed and rushed from the house, despite the at-tempts of their male escorts to reassure them. The excitement increased when one of the firemen began cutting away the charred portion of the flooring extending nearly half way across the stage. Dixey, however, signalled to the orchestra to play, which they did in a half dazed fashion.

The extinguisher was kept at work for nearly five minutes, and at last when all was over the "Marquis" nervously exclaimed as he wiped the perspiration from his brown "This is another hot wave, eb, Adonis!" No fire slarm was sent in, and the occur rence was hardly known outside the theatre until the audience had dispersed.

MAIL CLERK TROUBLES.

Another Great Kick Being Made Against Mr. Burt. CINCINNATI, July 22, -Superintendent of

Railway Mail Service Burt is again the object of attack by subordinates. Some of the latter assert that he is endeavoring to freeze out Republican mail clerks by making such of them as run on roads leading west and south stand an examination for Ohio, whereas they have no more need to learn Ohio than England. His object in doing this, it is alleged, is to make room for Democrats and to save his own official scalp.

It has always been the practice to make things uncomfortable for whoever fills the position that Mr. Burt at present holds, and bearing this in mind, a reporter called on Mr. Burt and asked him to explain. He did so by saying that all the clerks coming from the south and west bring in matter for Ohio. Lately the "scheme," or list of railroads running to each postoffice in the state, has been revised, and to insure greater efficiency Mr. Burt directed that these clerks should study the "scheme" and be ready for examination after August 15, an order made all the more reasonable when it is known that no such examination has been held for for years. The needs of the department demand that the clerks shall know their busi-

If clerks bringing in mail from the south and west are not able to distribute their Ohio mail on the train it is delayed in the office here ten or twelve hours, and it is to secure competency and prevent delay injurious to the business interests of the country that Mr. Burt ordered his subordinates to learn their business and be prepared to stand an examination.

TOO HOT FOR HEALTH. The Deuth Rate is Steadily Increasing.

Poor Rabies. CINCINNATI, July 23 .- "Yes, this weather

is hard on the babies, and the grown folks, too, for that matter," said Health Officer Rowland. "Cholera morbus is very preva-lent and more than usually fatal. Babies lent, and more than usually fatal. that are teething, or that are troubled with bowel complaints, are particularly liable to be affected.

"And is the death rate among the little ones much greater than is generally the

CASO !" "Yes, it is not only doubled, but tripled, and if this hot weather don't cease it will be even larger. It is very rare in this latitude that we have more than three or at the most four days of extreme weather, either hot or cold, and yet now for six days it has bee fairly blazing. Not only that, but there seems to be no hope for anything better immediately, and every day that this heat con tinues renders the liability of further trouble the more certain. People become run out. The strongest yield to the heat, and their systems become so depleted that they are able to resist very little."

"And how is the general health of the oity?"
"It is very good; there are no contagious diseases to disturb us. But summer com-

plaints are very prevalent and are working sad mischief. I look for a large increase in the death rate all over the country as long as the hot spell continues."

SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY.

The Beginning of the Second Week With Large Attendance.

CONCORD, Mass., July 22.—The second week of the school of philosophy opened with an attendance of over one hundred. Professor W. F. Harris was the speaker, his theme being "Goethe's Faust."

The patrons of the school were agreeably surprised by the appearance on the platform of A. Bronson Alcott, the aged and respect-ed dean of the school, his first appearance in two years.

Among the late arrivals are Mrs. Isabella Hooker, of Hartford, and Mrs. Sherman, of Chicago. T. B. Sanborn is to speak on Goethe's relation to English literature. Mrs. Sherman, of Chicago, is also to speak.

Absolute Divorce. NEW YORK, July 29.-Mrs. Mary Frances Raymond is suing James R. Raymond for absolute divorce. Mrs. Raymond was Miss Mary Frances Hoyt, daughter of Samuel N. Hoyt, brother of the late Jesse Hoyt, the millionaire. She is a niece of Gen. W. T. Sherman. Mrs. Raymond alleges numerous improprieties with other women. Mr. Raymond in his answer makes a like charge against his wife.

Fowder and Match.

GRAPTON, W. Va., July 22.—Jacob Bol-inger was engaged in lighting a fuse in Riley & Robinson's quarry, a short distance from town, and carelessly threw the match into a can of powder. It exploded with great force, throwing bim several feet and burning him in such a manner that he cannot re-

Fr. SNELLING, Minn., July 29.-Gen. Terry has had no confirmation of the reported fight between the Cheyennes and cow-boys. The report is not credited at headMANNING'S CIRCULAR.

THAT WHICH MAY HELP CONGRESS REVISE THE TARIFF.

Information is Asked of Manufacturers Throughout the Country on a Subject of Interest to Everybody-Washington-National News.

WASHINGTON, July 21. - Secretary Manning has caused to be prepared in the treasury a circular of inquiry which has just been sent by him to prominent manufacturers and associations of manufacturers in different parts of the country. It asks information and advice from manufacturers about the best means to prevent undervaluations of imports and other evasions of the tariff laws by which home manufacturers, believing themselves "protected" by high duties, have greatly and variously suffered.

The secretary's intention in instituting this inquiry is to secure information by which the treasury may be the better enabled to discover and prevent undervaluation of imports and other forms of fraud on the revenue, and also to accumulate a mass of valuable information and suggestions from the leading manufacturers of the country upon the general question of tariff re-vision and reformation for the use of congress when it meets.

Mr. Randall gave notice in an interview on May 18, which attracted universal attention, that in the next congress he desired to help in reforming the tariff. That declaration was equivalent to an announcement that both wings of the Democratic party were

agreed on tari if revision.

It has occurred to Secretary Manning that he may save valuable time to congress by gathering beforehand information manufacturers on certain details of the tariff which affect them, and have it in readiness by December. This is the purpose of the following inquiry:

"THEASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17, 1885.

"Investigations of the methods of entry and appraisement of imported merchandisc have shown that the tariff laws are largely evaded by undervaluation wherever the du ties are levied ad valorem. A remedy suggested for this evil is the adoption of specific

"With a view of obtaining information on this subject which may be useful to congress in fiscal legislation, and as an aid in the improvement in the customs revenue system, it is deemed proper to ask the advice of those directly interested in the various industrial arts of the country which may be affected by tariff legislation, and which suffer more or less by reason of defective methods of administration.

You are, therefore, requested to give your views as to the possibility of simplifying the tariff and making the duty specific, so far as applicable to imported articles such as are made or produced in the United States, in which you are interested are with which you are familiar, with as full information on the subject as you may be pleased to sub-"It is desirable that, in addition to a

schedule showing the rates of specific duty which in your opinion should be levied upon the various kinds and qualities of merchan-dise embraced therein, the information furnished may cover the following points: "I. Commercial or technical designation of the article with sample or samples.

"2. Cost of production of a given unit of quantity by weight or measure, with the following details as to each kind or quality of article, viz ; "(a). Cost of materials, character of same

(as, for example, if wool, the kind of wool), whether of foreign or domestic origin. If foreign what part of the value represents duties paid thereon. "(b). Cost of labor in detail, giving each item specifically and the rates of wages

paid. "(c). Operating expenses and how distributed.

"(d). Interest, Other elements of cost not covered by the above,

"3. Description of buildings and machin ery, and amount of capital invested in each.
"4. If the foreign article of similar kind and quality is subject to ad valorem duty, state as nearly as practicable the specific equivalent per a given unit of weight or

measure.
"5. Mention any exceptional element of advantage or disadvantage in manufacturing, such as location of the factory, with reference to market or means of transp tion, accessibility of supplies, nature of the power or kind of machinery used, character of labor employed, rates of wages paid, amount of taxes or exemption from taxes. "You are also requested to forward such

information as you may be able to submit showing the relative cost of manufacture of the same article in the United States and in Europe, particularly with regard to the cost of labor as affected by the rate of wages paid in the different countries. State how much the total cost of a given unit of production is increased in the United States over European countries by reason of the difference in wages paid and the rate of interest on capital employed.

"State also to what extent, within your knowledge of the special trade with which your business is connected, the present away imposing taxes on the imported article ave been avaded and how the same can be corrected, whether by specific dultes or o her-wise, and to what extent the home in a stry with which you are connected has su .. ered from this cause.
"It is not intended that your raply shall be

confined to the form or scope of the inquiries above suggested, but you are invited to give the fullest expression of your views on the general subject indicated, in such manner id form as you may deem best. "Publicity will not be given to names, loca-

tion or facts relating to the business of individuals or corporations. These will be treated as private if so desired. Please reply at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully, DANIEL MANNING."
A similar inquiry will be sent to leading importers of merchandise in a few days.

Lucky Men.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—With a very few exceptions which cannot now be recalled, the following is a list of the new officials of prominence from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and West Virginia, appointed in the govern-ment departments in this city by the present administration up to date, including heads of divisions and bureaus, chief clerks and other officials, not including those in the classified service nor any below, to which is added the diplomatic changes. The changes in the state department proper have been very few. The list does not include the appointment of officials to fill local offices within the states named:

Ohio got Dan McConville, sixth auditor of the treasury; salary \$3,000 per annum.

Thomas J. Brennan, private secretary to the secretary of the treasury; salary \$2,000. David A. Fisher, special examiner of the department of justice; salary \$6 per day and

George H. Pendiston, minister to Gern: #92 John B. Stallo, minister to Italy; a ary

\$13,000. Jacob Mueller, consul-general to l ankfort-on-the-Main; salary \$3,000. John H. Putnam, consul to Honolula: sal-

w. S. Crowell, consul to Amoy, bina; salary \$3,500. William Slade, consul to Brussells; a ary

Joseph B. Hughes, consul to Birming am, England; salary \$2,500. Sidney Everett, chief of the diplo atio

bureau in the state department; ary \$3,000. Indiana got the following: John S. Williams, third auditor treasury; salary \$3,600. W. S. Kiser, chief of division in the

auditor's office; salary \$3,000. W. E. McLean, first deputy commis-of pensions; salary \$3,600. W. E. Brandt, qualified surgeon of the berior department; salary \$2,000, Jos. W. Nicholl, law clerk postoffic-

partment; salary \$2,500. Heber T. May, assistant attorney go malary \$3,000. Charles Denby, Minister to China; \$12,000.

Rufus McGee, Minister to Swed ... Norway; salary \$7,500.

Bayliss W. Hanna, Minister to A: Republic, salary \$7,500. Kentucky has Milton J. Dunhaomptroller of the treasury; salary & W. Buck, minister to Peru; salary &

Boyd Winchester, minister to Switzer, ad; alrry \$5,000, Warren Green, consul general to I. asgawa; salary \$4,000; West Virginia has been reorganized a fol-

lows: Joseph S. Miller, commissioner of i. vnal revenue; salary \$8,000.

J. J. S. Hamler, appointment clerk ... Interior department; salary \$2,000.

Benjamin Wilson, assistant at.orn pen-

eral; sainry \$2,500. John M. Birch, consul to Nagasaki, Ja; an; salary \$3,000.

Appointments.

WASHINGTON, July 21.-The presider has appointed the following postmasters: ( arles I. Walden, Fayette, Mo., vice M. i Lake resigned; S. N. McCloud, Marysville, G. vice D. Webb resigned; W. H. Morton, E... art, Ind., vice A. M. Tucker resigned; S. N. Horneck, Detroit City, Minn., vice C. W. Dix suspended; James W. Laner, Evanev He, Ind., vice H. S. Bennett suspended; E. mar Lane Heinerschild Mo. W. L. E. Lev. Luce, Hig insville, Mo., vice W. J. En ley suspenden; Henry J. Feltus, Bloomin ton, Ind., vice J. G. McPhoeters, jr., suspended. Secretary Lamar has appointed James A. Munday, Kentucky, and Clay Taylor dis-souri, special agents of the general and

General Grant. MOUNT McGREGOR, N. Y., July 21.-Gen. Grant slept fairly well and said he felt considerably refreshed. There was a fair pulse although it was not very strong. The general has not carried out the plan of r ading proposed three days ago, and a fee ing of depression still hangs over him. The tor hopes, however, t has been sufficient to put the general humor for work, in which case the im edi-

ate prospect will be to relieve much or the

Court Martial. WASHINGTON, July 21 .- The Court Mr rtial Paymaster Gen. Smith was resulted. At the navy department cousel for the de ense presented a demurrer to the principal charge against Smith denying the complicity with Austin P. Brown, or his alleged creoked contract for furnishing the navy do arcment with supplies.

Absquatulated.

WHEELING, July 21.—Miss A. Taylor, president of the Wheeling female college, left the city very suddenly. It no transpires she left a number of person in the lurch. Before she left she promise antisfy claims amounting to over fifteen is dollars, but failed to do so. Sha years of age, extremely shrewd, and -BOYeral years aspired to become a l. temperance circles.

Shot Him Dead.

WHERLING, July 21.—Constable A. B. Smyck, of Cable county, went to the ouse of John T. Blake, a farmer, and levied pon a cow to satisfy an execution. Biake resisted and struck Smyck on the let arm with an axe, inflicting a fearful wounwas about to repeat it when Smyck she him dead. Smyck gave himself up.

DETROIT, July 21,—The Carrington pera company is stranded here, and Mi ager Carrington is missing. Some mem rs of the company have not been paid for seks, laim and are Jestitute. The leading man's for unpaid salary is one hundred and The company has been play Detroit for the past three weeks.

WASHINGTON, July 21,-John F. workingman about forty-seven years ( This is the first case of sunstr. orecorded here, although for the past woe weather has been unusually hot, the mometer ranging above ninety degroor ten hours each day.

Italian Murdered. NEW YORK, July 21 .- A row occ mong the Italian laborers employed North Hudson Driving park, in Falice Rajawrello was stabbed and Antonio Colligill and John Nier, supposed to be the murderers, male their

escape. Professor C. S. Richards Dead. MILWAUKEE, July 21.—Professor C. S. Richards, L. L. D., dean of the prepare cry department of Harvard university, V ashington, D. C., has died at the reside co of his son, Madison. He was one of the nost prominent educators of the country.

The Mexican Guests.

CINCINNATI, July 21.—Mr. Gazzam C. no. ceive the Mexican editors, received a tele gram stating that they would be here o.. the morning of the 28th. Arrangements to sotertain them properly will be made.

Judge Okey Dying. COLUMBUS, O., July 21 .- The condit. mot Judge John W. Okey, of the supreme urt, at noon was very critical. No hope is the tained of his recovery, and it is given out

that his death is only a question of hours. Kilted Him Instantly. TROY, N. Y., July 21 .- John Collap; and Michael Casey, while intoxicated, eng ged in an alterestion. Casey drew a pisto killing Collapy instantly. Casey was arro. ted.

Both unmarried.

YANKTON, D. T., July 21. -Smallpox to spreading in an epidemic form at Scotland, among the Russians. Twenty-five cases are reported. Several deaths occurred during